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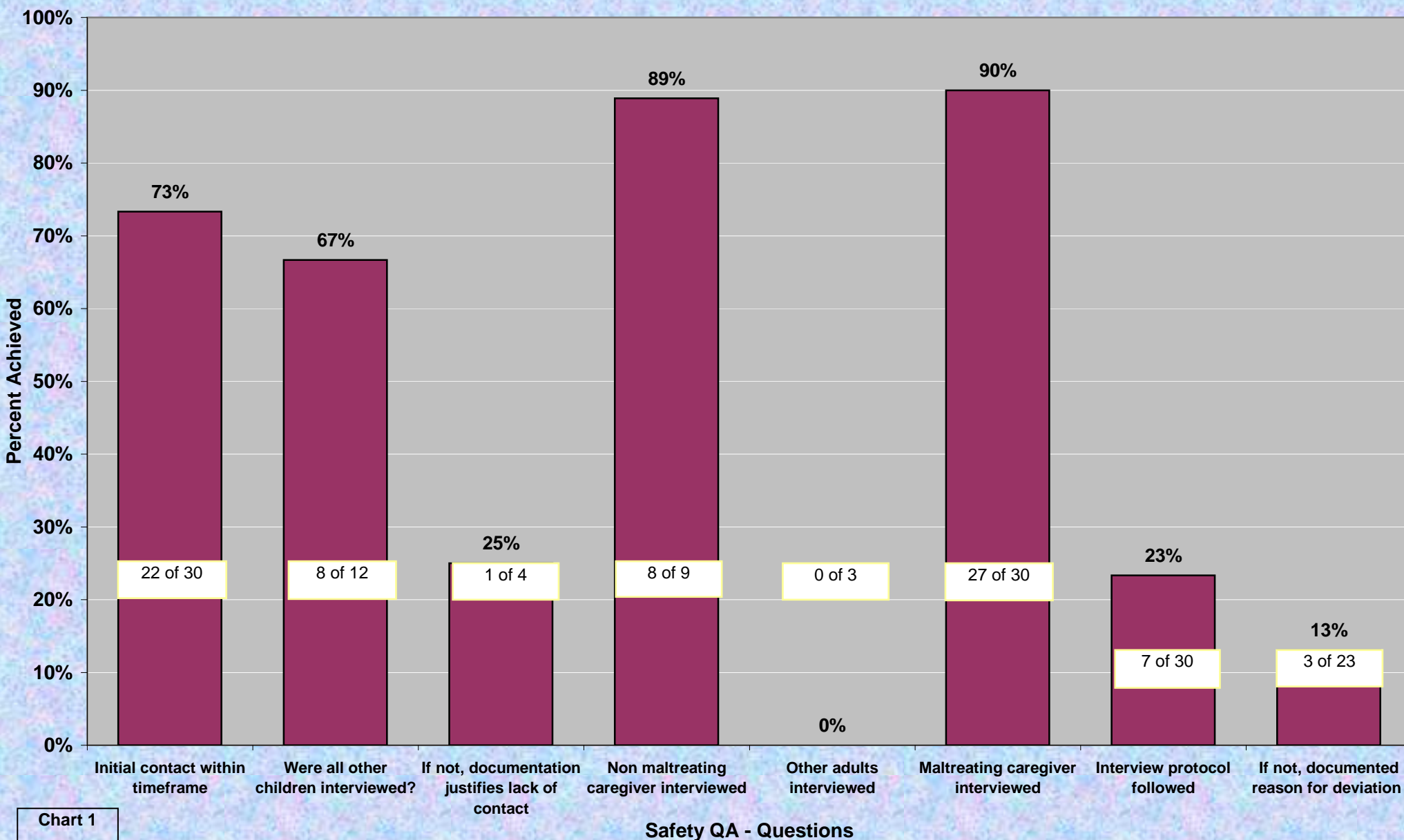
Ongoing Safety Assessments

Round 1 - Safety Model QA Reviews

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Statewide Ongoing Safety- Child and Family Service Specialist Initial Response for Ongoing Assessment with NEW Child Abuse and Neglect Referrals

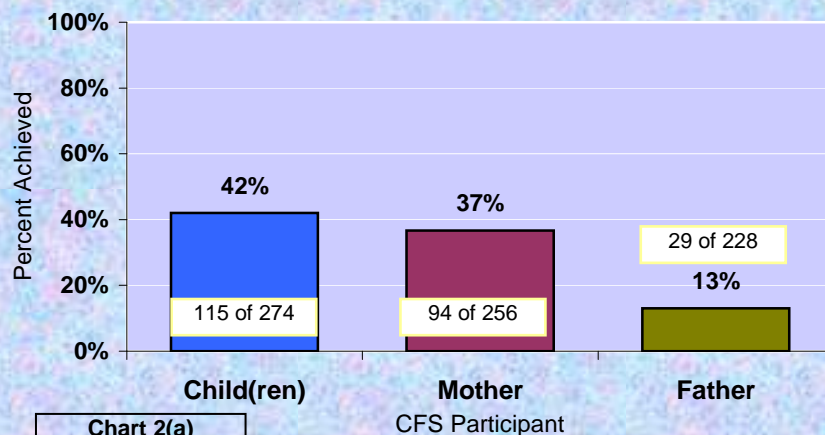
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Statewide Ongoing Safety Assessments- CFS Contacts with CHILD(REN)/MOTHER/FATHER

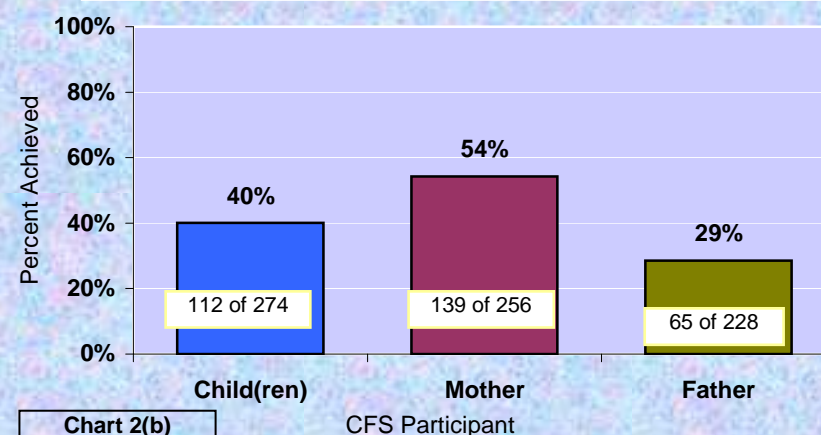
CFS Specialist - face to face contacts with CHILD(REN)/MOTHER/FATHER:

FREQUENCY of contacts met sufficient requirements.



CFS Specialist - face to face contacts with CHILD(REN)/MOTHER/FATHER:

QUALITY of contacts met sufficient requirements.



CFS Specialist face to face contacts with CHILD(REN)/MOTHER/FATHER:

Typical Pattern of Visitation

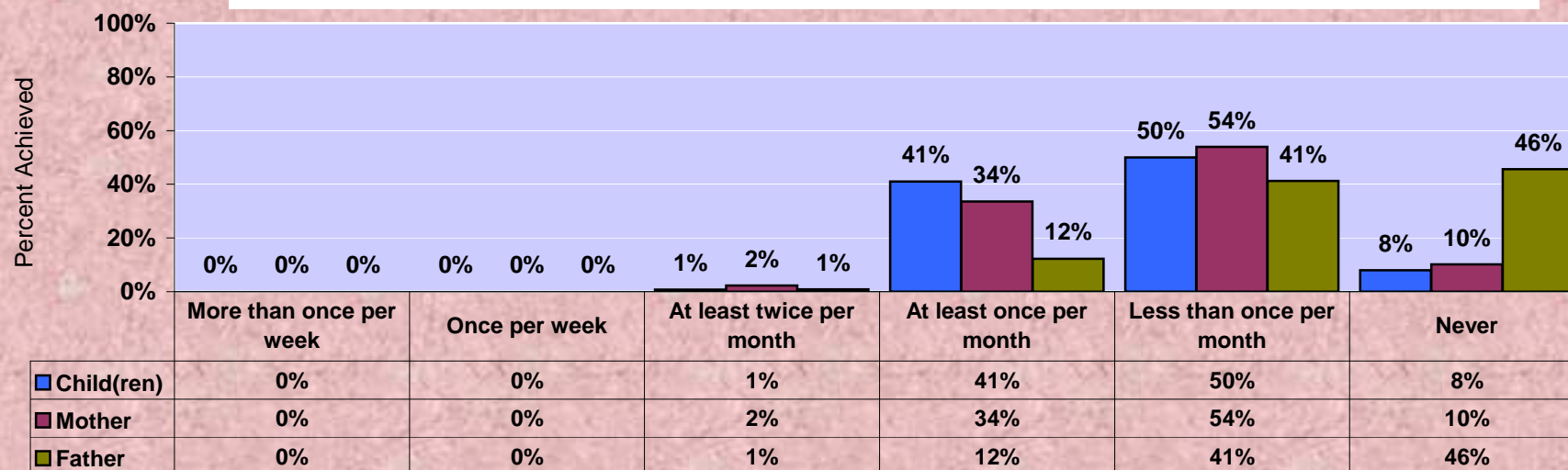


Chart 2(c)

Pattern of Visitation

Statewide Ongoing Safety Assessments - Identification of Present Danger

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- * 7 - Safety Assessments identified Present Danger.
- * 7 - Immediate Protective Action (IPA) plans were documented.

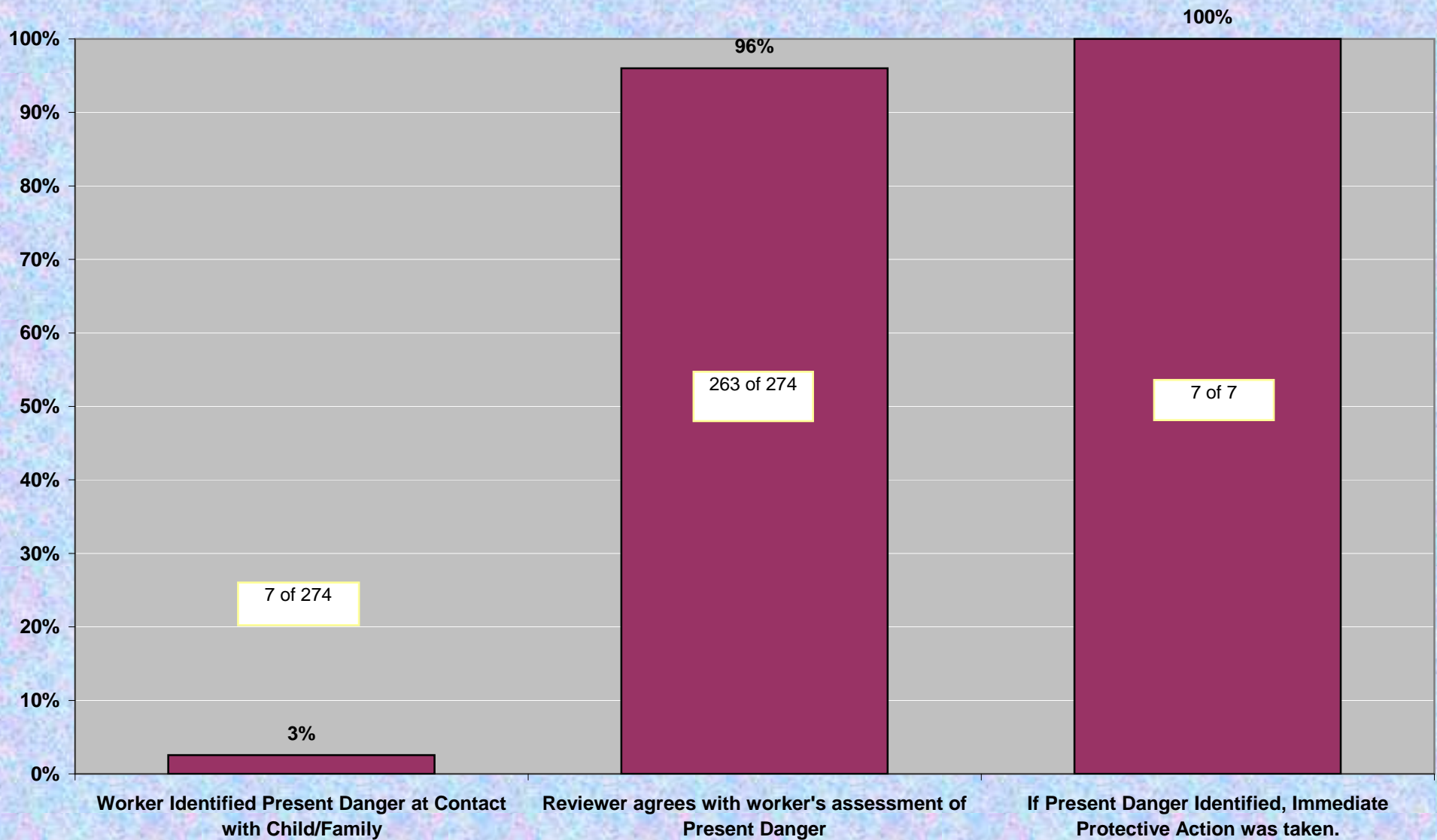


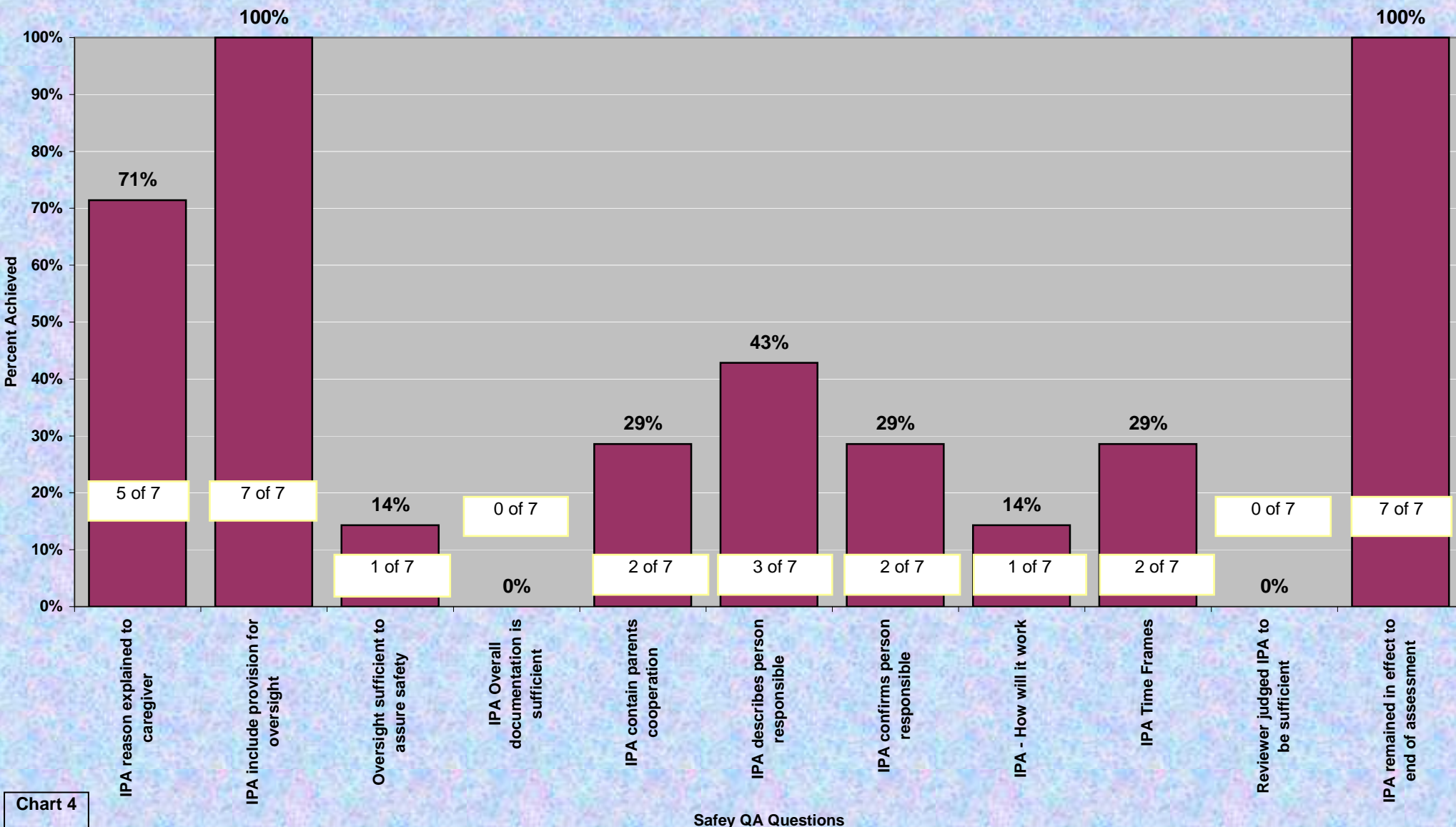
Chart 3

Safety QA - Questions

Statewide Ongoing Safety Assessments - Protective Action Plans (IPA)

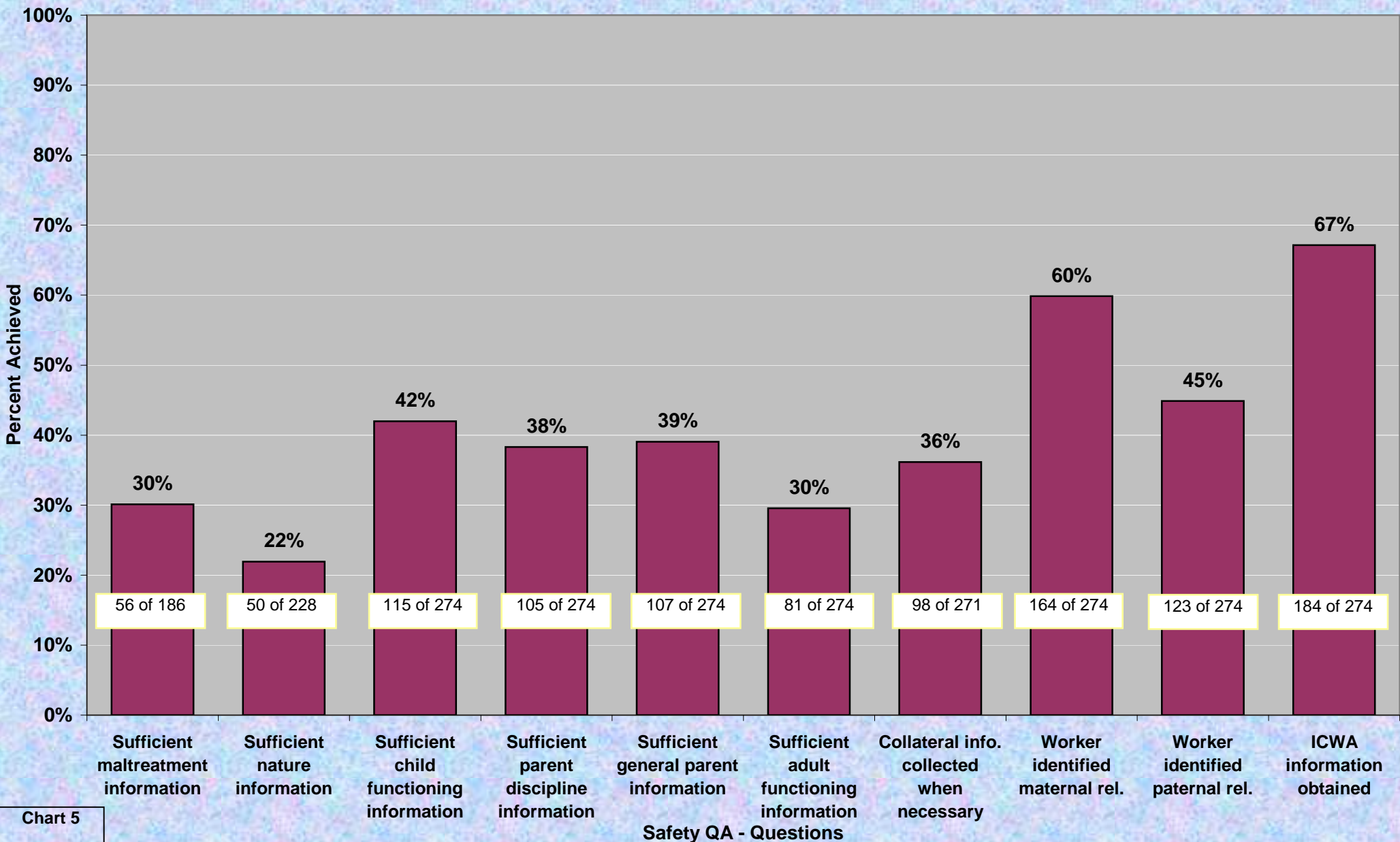
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Statewide Ongoing Safety Assessments - 6 Domains, Collateral Contacts, Family Network and ICWA

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Statewide Ongoing Safety Assessments - Identification of Impending Danger

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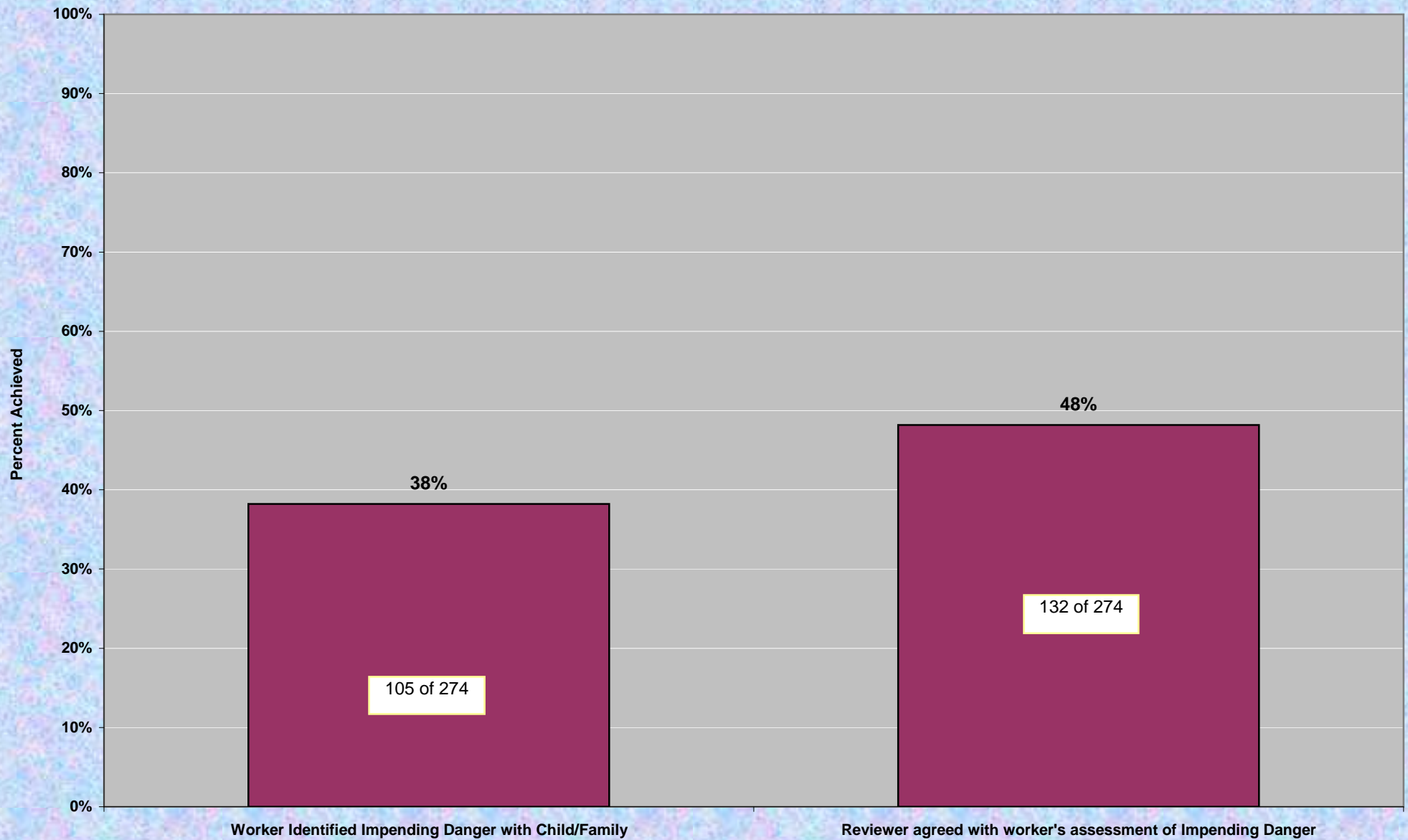
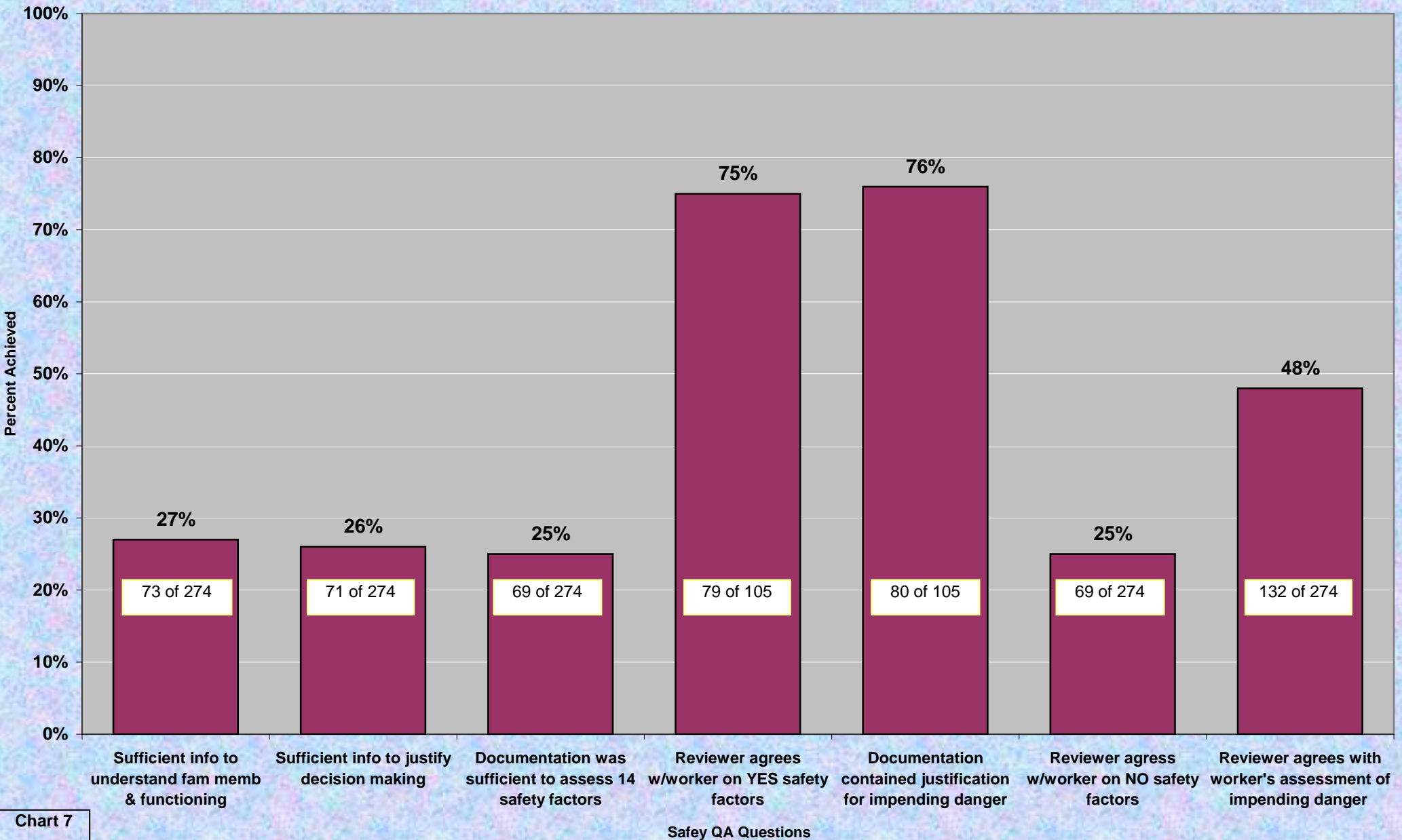


Chart 6

Safety QA Questions

Statewide Ongoing Safety Assessments - Safety Evaluation

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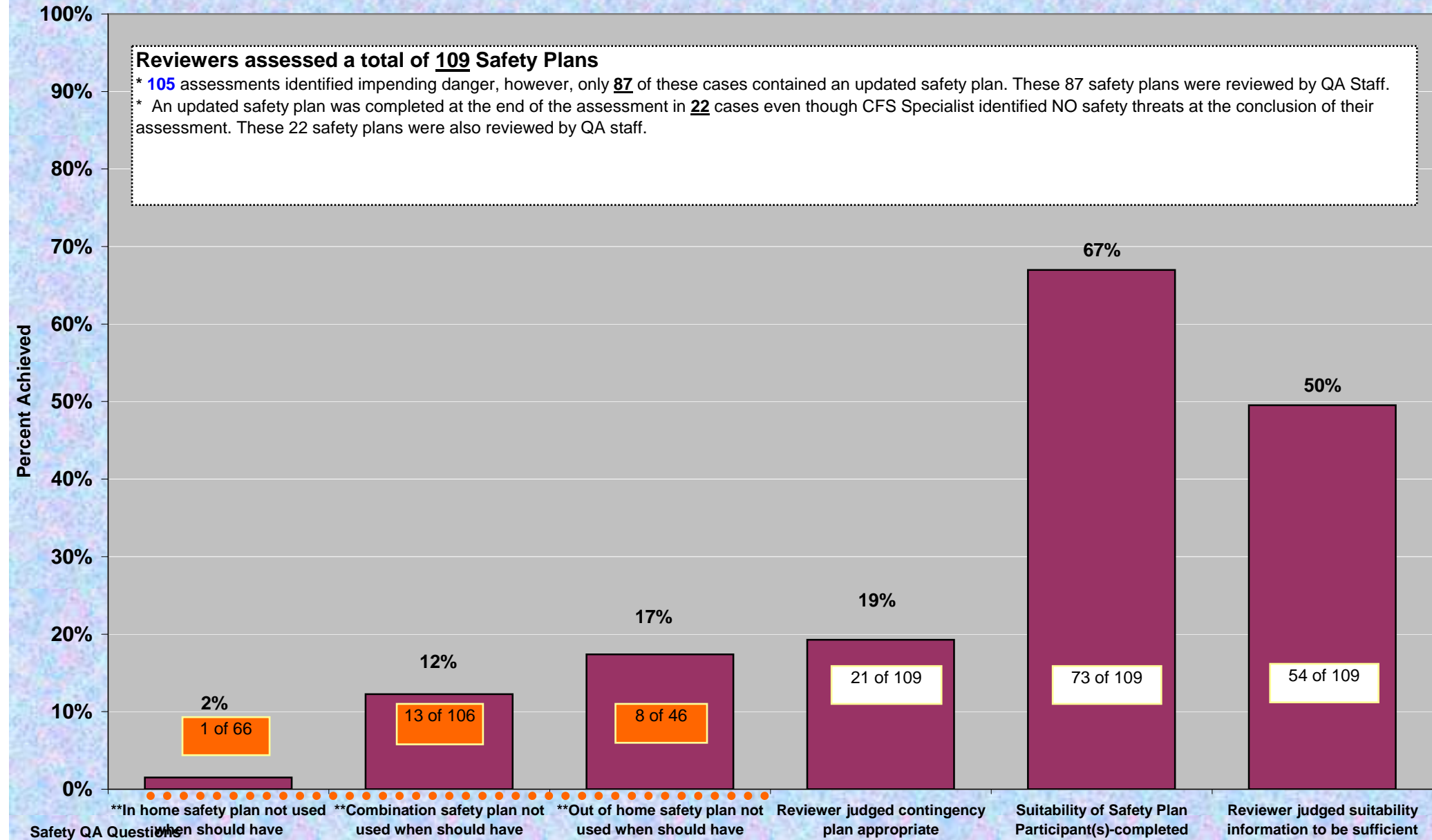
Statewide Ongoing Safety Assessments - Safety Plans

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Reviewers assessed a total of 109 Safety Plans

* **105** assessments identified impending danger, however, only **87** of these cases contained an updated safety plan. These 87 safety plans were reviewed by QA Staff.

* An updated safety plan was completed at the end of the assessment in **22** cases even though CFS Specialist identified NO safety threats at the conclusion of their assessment. These 22 safety plans were also reviewed by QA staff.



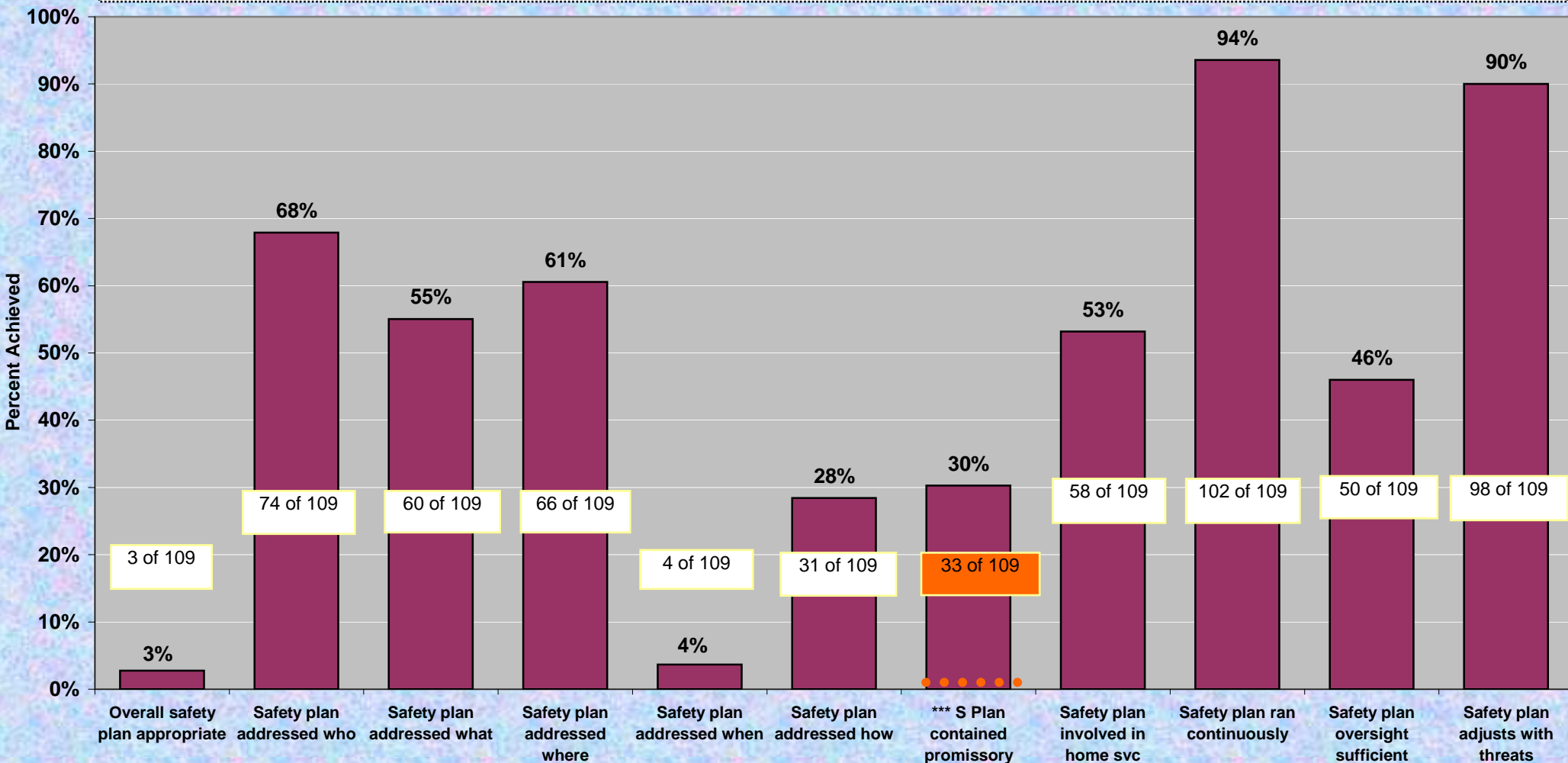
Note: ** These questions use a reverse scale (LOWER NUMBER IS BETTER) as we want the workers to have used the correct safety plan

Statewide Ongoing Safety Assessments - Safety Plans (continued)

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*** Plan contained promissory commitments: *This question uses a reverse scale (LOWER NUMBER IS BETTER) as we do NOT want the safety plan to contain promissory commitments.*

Chart 9

Safety QA Questions

Statewide Ongoing Safety Assessments Protective Capacity Assessment (PCA) and Conditions of Return

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There were only 64 finalized PCA's and 65 finalized Conditions of Return

NOTE: The QA tool does not assess whether or not the worker met their time frame in documenting the PCA or the Conditions of Return on N-FOCUS. The QA team only reviews the quality of the PCA and the Conditions of Return if it is finalized on N-FOCUS at the time of the review.

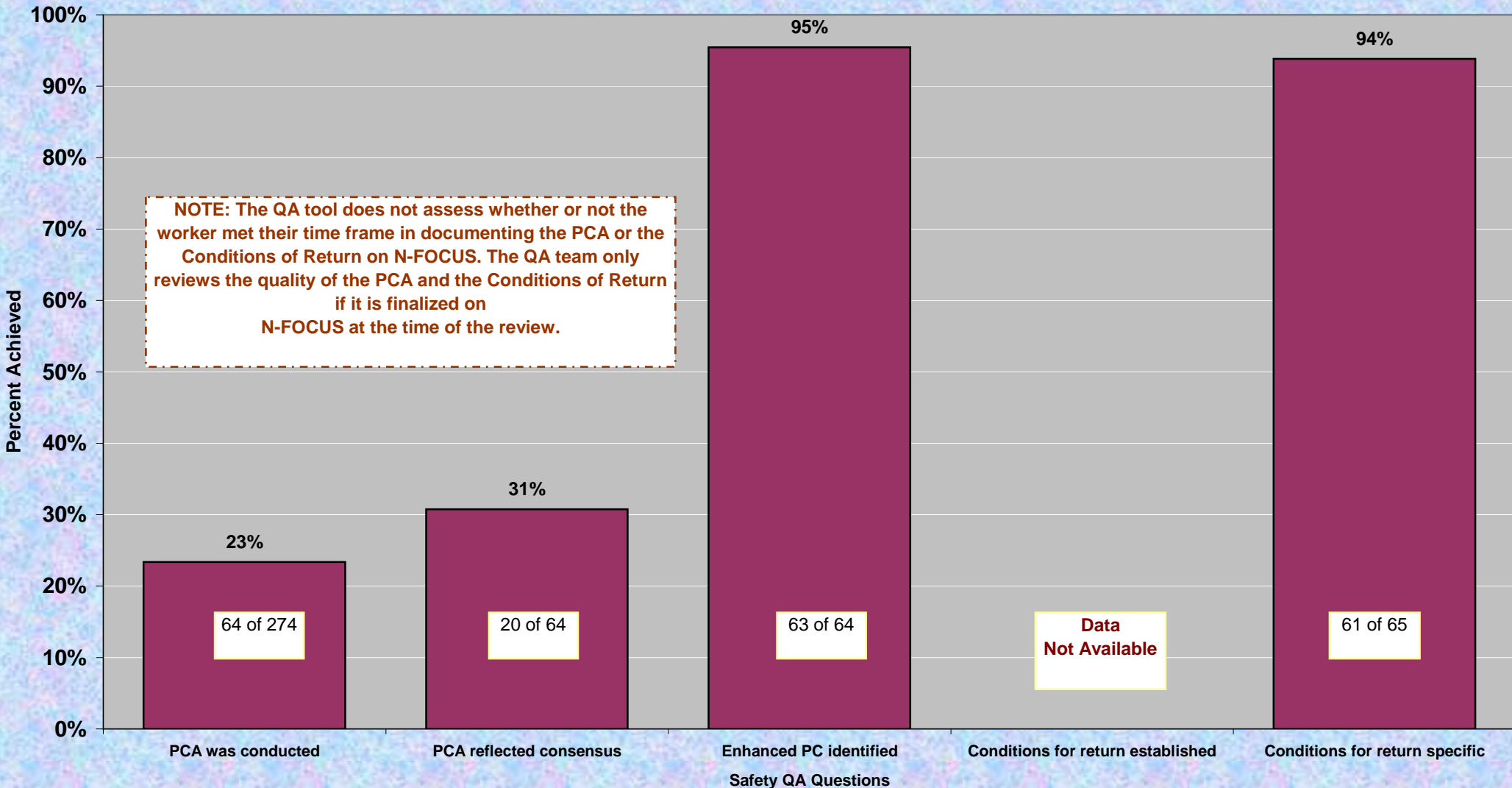


Chart 10

Reviewer's Overall Analysis and Conclusion of the Work:

For the purpose of a case review, the reviewer assessed the following information based on their review of the case. This part of the review contains the same information as those included in the Supervisory Review of Nebraska Safety Assessment.

Category	%
The Nebraska Safety Assessment Instrument was completed correctly and completely	11%
	98%
Required Time Frames were met	17%
A reasonable level of effort was expended given the identified safety concerns.	20%
Safety of the child/youth was assured during the assessment process.	24%
Sufficient information was gathered for informed decision making	22%
Available written documentation was obtained from law enforcement/others as approp.	67%
ICWA information was documented	68%
Information was obtained about non-custodial parent, relatives, and other family support.	38%
An Immediate Protective Action was appropriately implemented to assure child safety.	43%
A Safety Plan was appropriately completed and implemented to assure child safety.	11%
A Safety Assessment was documented in accordance with required practice.	12%
A Protective Action was documented in accordance with required practice.	11%
A Safety Plan was documented in accordance with required practice.	4%
The family network and others were appropriately involved in the gathering of information.	38%
The family networks and others were appropriately involved in developing Safety Plans.	66%
Policy and procedures related to safety intervention were followed.	14%
Safety plan is sufficient to protect child from threats of severe harm.	6%
Efforts to coordinate with law enforcement were documented.	100%
Interview protocols were followed or reason for deviation were documented.	27%
The appropriate definition was used in making the case status determination.	97%
The finding was correctly documented in N-FOCUS	97%
Factual information supports the selected finding.	97%

Table 1